

Remarks

Reconsideration of this Application is respectfully requested.

Upon entry of the foregoing amendment, claims 1-15 and 17-20 are pending in the application, with Claims 1, 7, 15 and 18 being the independent claims. Claims 21-24 are sought to be cancelled without prejudice to or disclaimer of the subject matter therein. These claims have been cancelled to expedite prosecution. These changes are believed to introduce no new matter, and their entry is respectfully requested.

The Examiner has previously allowed claims 1-15 and 17-20. The Examiner has sustained the rejection of claims 21-24, noting that no patentable weight is attributable to the "when" condition in each of these claims. Applicant continues to traverse the rejections associated with these claims. However, for the purpose of expediting prosecution, the Applicant has cancelled claims 21-24. The cancellation of these claims place the application in even better condition for allowance. As such entry of this Amendment is proper and respectfully requested.

Based on the above amendment, Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner reconsider all rejections and that they be withdrawn.

Conclusion

All of the stated grounds of objection and rejection have been properly traversed, accommodated, or rendered moot. Applicant therefore respectfully requests that the Examiner reconsider all presently rejections and that they be withdrawn. Applicant believes that a full and complete reply has been made to the outstanding Office Action and, as such, the present application is in condition for allowance. If the Examiner

believes, for any reason, that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number provided.

Prompt and favorable consideration of this Amendment and Reply is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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